

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library March 12, 2017

The March 12, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Nineteen members and guests were present.

Doris Patton from the Blue Ridge Potters Guild was introduced to make a presentation. The guild is giving a grant to the Friends to purchase books on potting for children. A list of the books has been agreed on with the staff. The grant is in memory of Jesse Rusinko.

Ken shared information on the state of the book market from a Bloomberg Business article. The market is in better shape than five years ago. E Books global sales total is less than ¼ of the market and has dropped the last three years.

The secretary read the minutes of the January meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer gave her report. Our current checking balance is \$17,943.04. We have paid \$1,650.00 for our half of the window film approved at the January meeting. The report included an adjustment for an item mistakenly charged to FOSL and we have been reimbursed.

OLD BUSINESS

We have found an accountant for an audit and have gotten the books to him. He will probably not have an opportunity to complete the audit before the end of April. He has volunteered his services.

The Salem Museum is interested in the quilt we discussed in January. The issue still has to go through the board of the Salem Historical Society.

Library roof work is expected to begin in May. Some change in roof line appearance should be expected. The plans include doing away with hidden guttering.

Our book storage has been moved to a storage unit with the help of cub scouts and their parents. There is a fee of \$174.00 per month for a 10 feet by 25 feet unit which is not climate controlled and does not provide room to work on sorting.

John Spruhan will deal with any necessary moving of books with assistance while Ken recovers from knee surgery. Sorting may begin earlier in August this year. St. Paul's plans to have a spring book sale and will pass their leftovers to the Friends for our sale.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library requested we appropriate more funds this year for the art show we sponsor in May due to increased attendance..

Janis Augustine moved we appropriate \$500.00 for art show expensed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Library staff requested funding for several items. Requests included, but were not limited to, spending for the Summer Reading Program. The theme of this year's program is "Building a Better World."

Emily Metrock has planned a group of reading challenges. A booklet will be provided with a list for readers to check off.

There will be a reading for charity event with votes for what groups should receive funds. The staff is asking the Friends to provide \$1,800.00 for the funds to donate. The amounts will be \$800.00, \$600.00, and \$400.00 based on placement in the voting.

There will be a Step into Mystery event to kick off the program. We are being asked for \$550.00 for teens and \$550.00 for adults for expenses for this event.

Staff is also requesting \$275.00 to fund a Little Critters event.

The library staff is partnering with the Cooperative Extension Service to start a seed sharing program. There will be a program with the Extension Service on May 13. They hope to get heirloom seeds. The request is for \$150.00 in startup funds.

We are also asked for \$300.00 for materials for a rain barrel program.

Helen Robertson moved we appropriate \$4730.00 to fund the requests listed above. The motion was seconded and passed.

Cheryl has volunteered to help train book sale volunteers if needed.

We saw a demonstration of the new Library Web Site.

David Butler told us about a presentation on a 3D printer scheduled for April 1 from 12:00 to 2:00. Someone from the Burton Technology Center will be the presenter.

The next meeting will be July 9, 2017, beginning at 2:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary

